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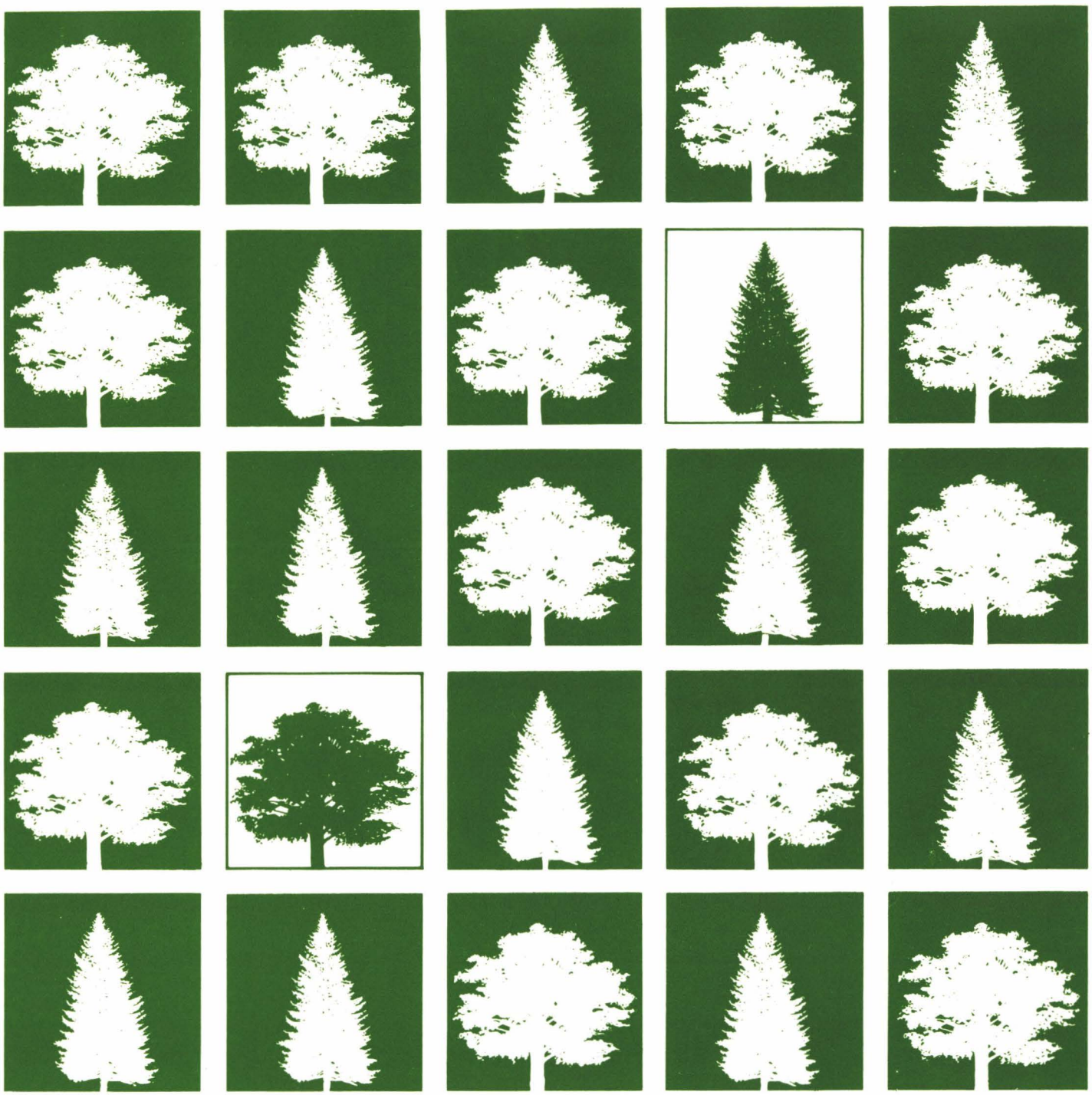
State Trees and Arbor Days



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Each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia has an officially designated State tree. Nineteen States have chosen conifers, or evergreen trees, and 29 States have chosen broadleaf trees, which shed their leaves in the fall. Two States, Florida and South Carolina, have selected a palm tree (Cabbage palmetto).

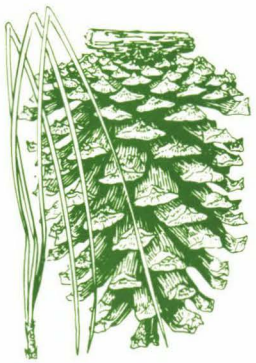
A few species are honored by more than one State. For example, white oak is the State tree of Connecticut, Illinois, and Maryland. In other States, more than one species is involved. Iowa, for example, has designated all species of oak as its State tree.

Arbor Day is a special day devoted to the planting of trees. It was founded in Nebraska on April 10, 1872, and was made a legal holiday by the Nebraska State legislature in 1885.

Today, every State recognizes Arbor Day. Either the State legislature sets aside a specific day for an Arbor Day observance, or the event is designated by Governor's proclamation or by the State Department of Education. Due to the variation in climatic conditions throughout the 50 States, a uniform date is not practical. Many have selected the last Friday in April, while others have set dates in the fall or winter.

State trees were carefully chosen to represent the individual States and the people who live there. The section on each State in this publication gives the year in which the State tree was chosen. This booklet also contains descriptions of these trees, the details on local Arbor Day dates, and the addresses of the State Foresters, who will gladly answer any questions about trees in your area. Trees are a resource of great beauty and value to our country. Please take this opportunity to learn more about them and to plant more trees for our future.

Alabama



Year	1949
Species	southern pine (*Pinus* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance	Last full week in February
State Forester	Alabama Forestry Commission 513 Madison Avenue Montgomery, AL 36130

Alaska

Year	1962
Species	Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis* (Bong.) Carr.)
Arbor Day Observance	Third Monday in May
State Forester	Division of Lands 323 East Fourth Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501

Arizona

Year	1954
Species	*paloverde; palo verde (*Cercidium* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance	Friday following April 1 in some counties, Friday following February 1 in others.
State Forester	State Land Department 1624 W. Adams Phoenix, AZ 85007

Arkansas

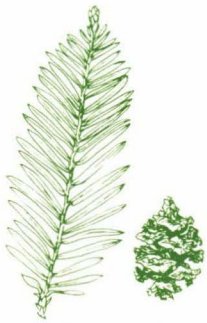
Year	1939
Species	pine (*Pinus* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance	Third Monday in March
State Forester	Arkansas Forestry Commission 3821 West Roosevelt Road Little Rock, AR 72204

*Indicates common name approved by Forest Service followed by common name given in State law.

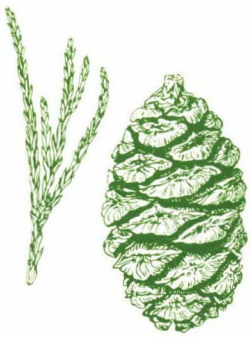
California

Year 1937, 1953

Species "California redwood," name given in State law for two species: redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens* (D. Don) Endl.) and giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum* (Lindl.) Buchholz).



Redwood



Giant sequoia

Arbor Day Observance March 7-14

State Forester Department of Forestry
Resources Building
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Colorado

Year 1939 (unofficial)

Species *blue spruce; Colorado blue spruce (*Picea pungens* Engelm.)

Arbor Day Observance Third Friday in April

State Forester Colorado State Forest Service
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO 80523

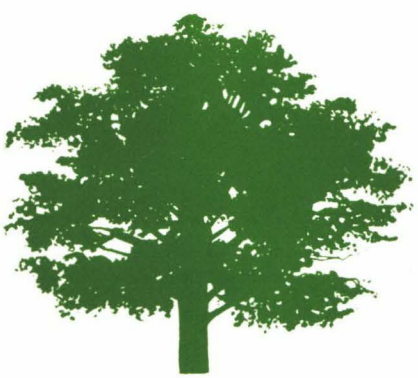
Connecticut

Year 1947

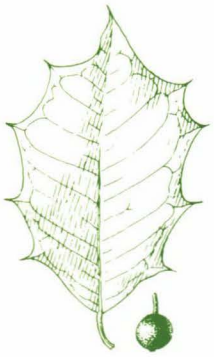
Species white oak (*Quercus alba* L.)

Arbor Day Observance April 30

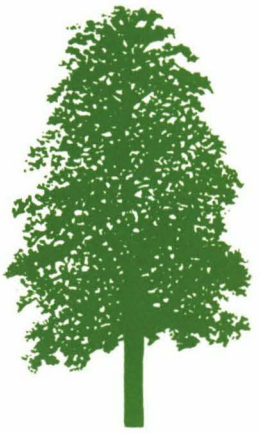
State Forester Forestry Unit
Department of Environmental Protection
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06115



Delaware



Year 1939
Species American holly (*Ilex opaca* Ait.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Delaware Department of Agriculture
Forestry Section
Drawer D
Dover, DE 19901



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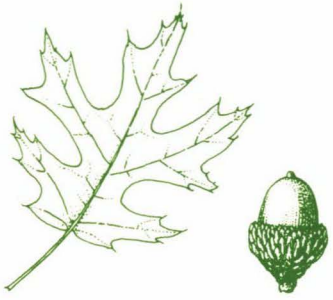
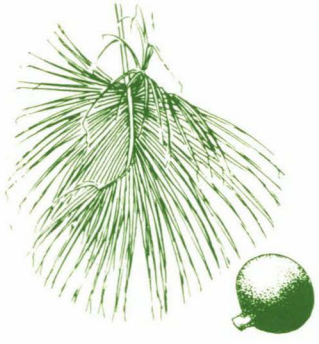


Year 1960
Species scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea* Muenchh.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April

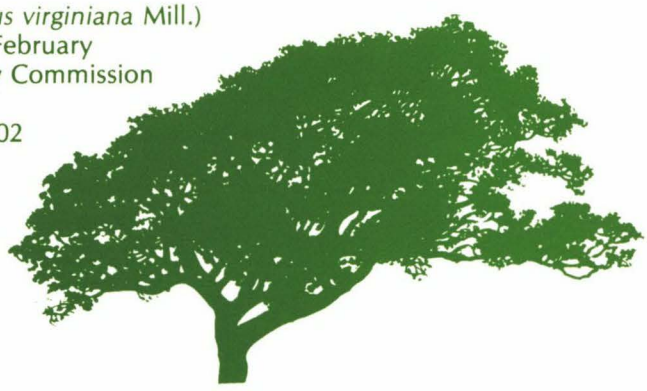
Florida



Year 1953
Species *cabbage palmetto; cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto* (Walt.) Lodd.)
Arbor Day Observance Third Friday in January
State Forester Division of Forestry
Collins Building
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Georgia

Year 1937
Species live oak (*Quercus virginiana* Mill.)
Arbor Day Observance Third Friday in February
State Forester Georgia Forestry Commission
P.O. Box 819
Macon, GA 31202



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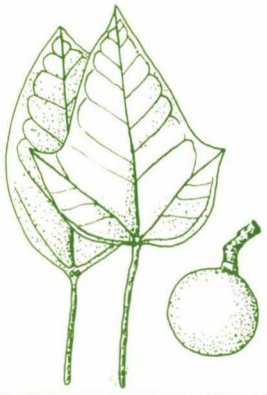

Year 1959
Species kukui; candlenut (*Aleurites moluccana* (L.) Willd.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday in November
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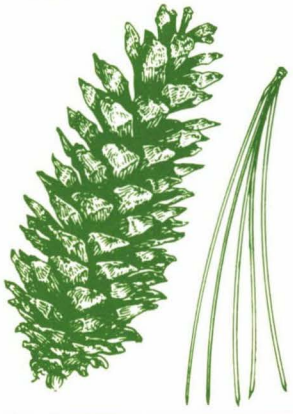
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

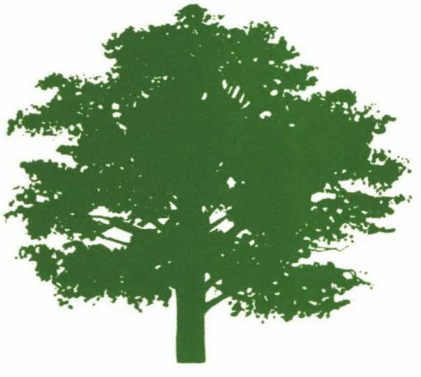
Idaho



Year 1935
Species *western white pine; white pine (*Pinus monticola* Dougl.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Idaho Department of Lands
State Capitol Building
Boise, ID 83720

Illinois

Year 1973
Species white oak (*Quercus alba* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forestry, Cons. Area
600 North Grand Avenue West
NW Office Plaza
Springfield, IL 62707



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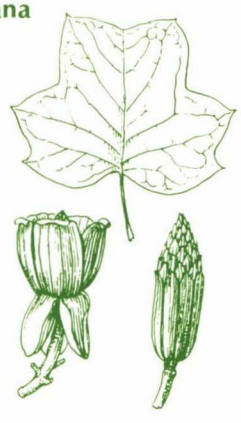
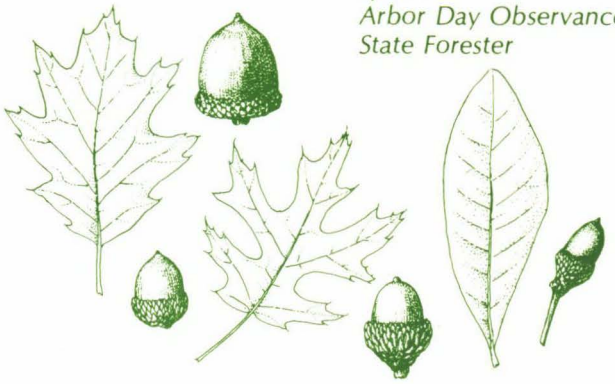


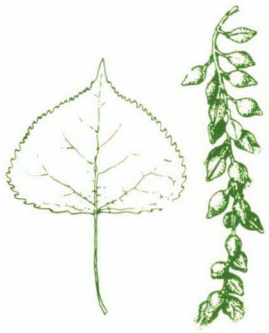
Year 1931
Species *yellow-poplar; tuliptree (*Liriodendron tulipifera* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Second Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forestry
613 State Office Building
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Iowa



Year 1961
Species oak (*Quercus* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester State Conservation Commission
Wallace State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

Kansas



Year 1937
Species cottonwood (*Populus* spp.)
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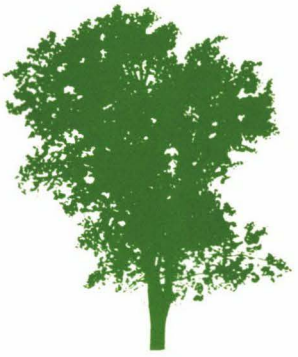
2610 Clafin Road
Manhattan, KS 66502



Kentucky

Year 1976
Species Kentucky coffeetree (*Gymnocladus dioicus* (L.) K. Koch)
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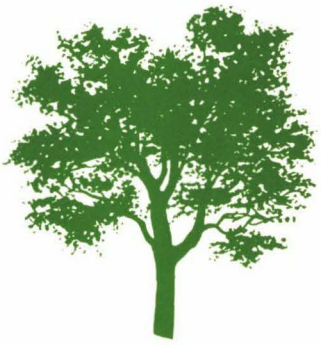
State Forester Kentucky Division of Forestry
618 Teton Trail
Frankfort, KY 40601



Louisiana

Year 1963
Species baldcypress; cypress (*Taxodium distichum* (L.) Rich.)
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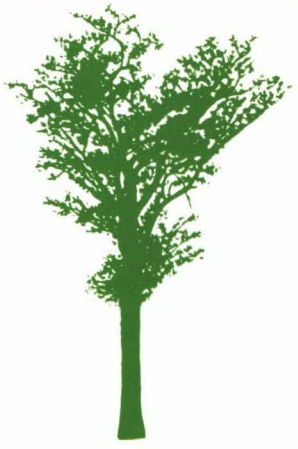
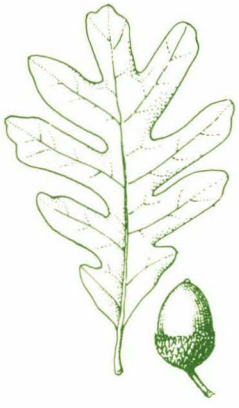
P.O. Box 1628
Baton Rouge, LA 70821



Maine

Year 1945
Species *eastern white pine; white pine (*Pinus strobus* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Third week in May
State Forester Bureau of Forestry
State Office Building
Augusta, ME 04333

Maryland



Year 1941
Species white oak (*Quercus alba* L.)
Arbor Day Observance First Wednesday in April
State Forester Forest & Park Services
Tawes State Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Massachusetts

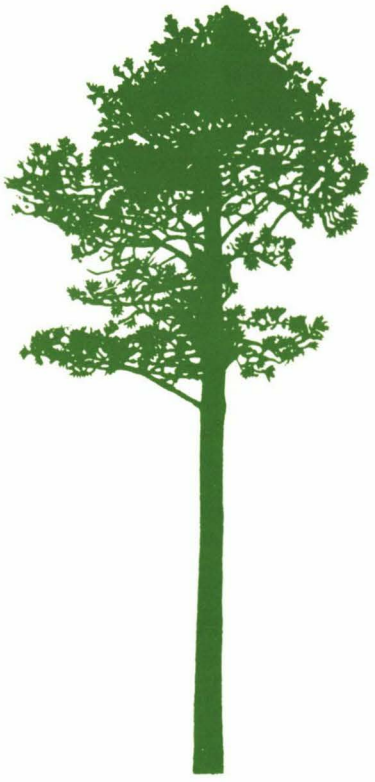
Year 1941
Species American elm (*Ulmus americana* L.)
Arbor Day Observance April 30
State Forester Division of Forests and Parks
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202

Michigan

Year 1955
Species *eastern white pine; white pine (*Pinus strobus* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Third week in April
State Forester Forest Management Division
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Stevens T. Mason Building
Box 30028
Lansing, MI 48909

Minnesota

Year 1953
Species *red pine; Norway pine (*Pinus resinosa* Ait.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forestry
Centennial Office Building
Box 44
St. Paul, MN 55155



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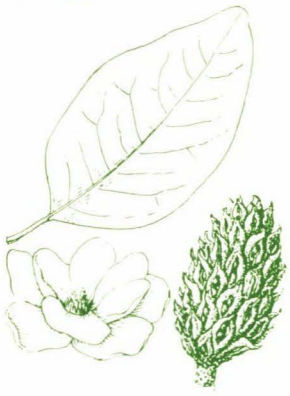


Year 1938
Species *southern magnolia; magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Second Friday in February
State Forester Mississippi Forestry Commission
908 Robert E. Lee Building
Jackson, MS 39201

Missouri

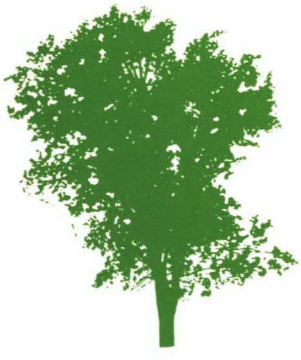
Year 1955
Species flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida* L.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday after the first Tuesday in April
State Forester Missouri Department of Conservation
2901 North Ten Mile Drive
P.O. Box 180
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Montana

Year	1949
Species	ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa* Laws.)
Arbor Day Observance	Last Friday in April
State Forester	Division of Forestry Department of Natural Resources and Conservation 2705 Spurgin Road Missoula, MT 59801

Nebraska

Year	1972
Species	cottonwood (*Populus* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance	April 22
State Forester	Department of Forestry, Fisheries & Wildlife Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources Rm. 101, Plant Industries Building University of Nebraska Lincoln, NE 68583



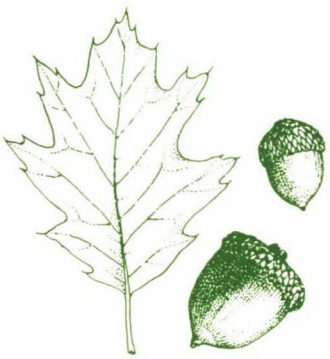
Nevada

Year	1953
Species	*singleleaf pinyon; single-leaf piñon (*Pinus monophylla* Torr. & Frém.)
Arbor Day Observance	February 28 in southern Nevada, April 23 in Northern Nevada
State Forester	Division of Forestry 201 South Fall Street Carson City, NV 89701

New Hampshire

Year 1947
Species *paper birch; white birch (*Betula papyrifera* Marsh.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forests and Lands
Box 856, Christian Mutual Building
6 London Road
Concord, NH 03301

New Jersey



Year 1950
Species *northern red oak; red oak (*Quercus rubra* L.)
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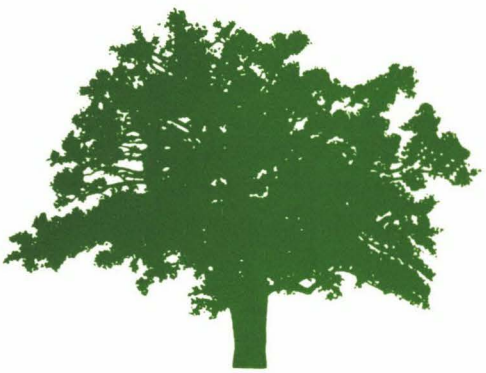
State Forester Forestry Services
CN 028
Trenton, NJ



New Mexico

Year 1949
Species *pinyon; nut pine or pinon (*Pinus edulis* Engelm.)
Arbor Day Observance Second Friday in March
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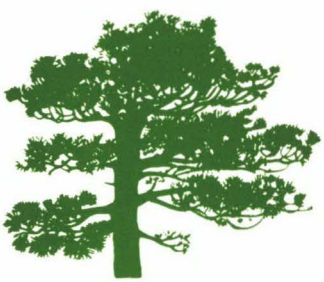
P.O. Box 2167
Santa Fe, NM 87503



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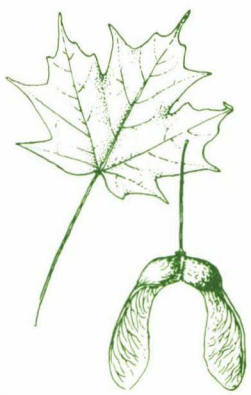
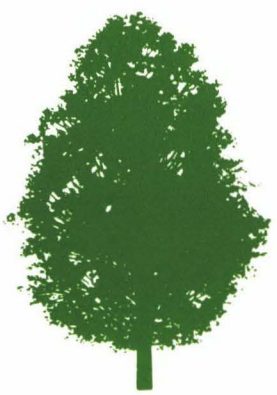


Year 1956
Species sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* Marsh.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Lands & Forests
Department of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12233



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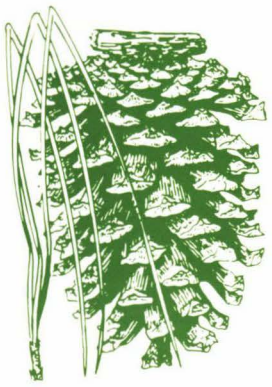


Year 1963
Species pine (*Pinus* spp.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday following March 15
State Forester Division of Forest Resources
P.O. Box 27687
Raleigh, NC 27611

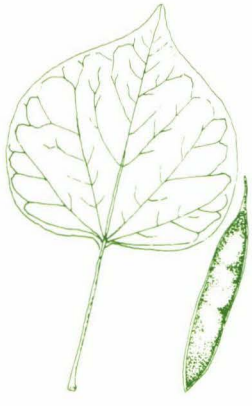
North Dakota

Year 1947
Species American elm (*Ulmus americana* L.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday in May
State Forester North Dakota State University
First & Simrall Avenue
Bottineau, ND 58318

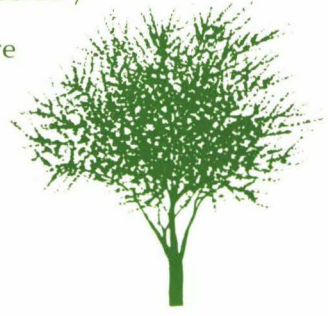
Ohio

Year 1953
Species *Ohio buckeye; buckeye (*Aesculus glabra* Willd.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forestry
Fountain Square
Columbus, OH 43224

Oklahoma



Year 1937
Species *eastern redbud; redbud (*Cercis canadensis* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Friday following the second Monday in February
State Forester Forestry Division
Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture
122 State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, OK 73105



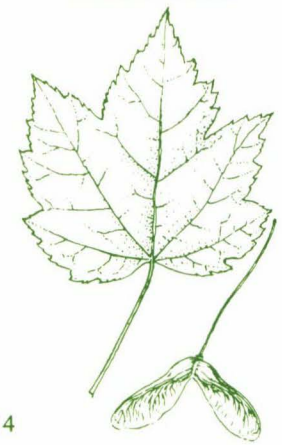
Oregon

Year 1939
Species Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Mirb.) Franco;
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Department of Forestry
2600 State Street
Salem, OR 97310

Pennsylvania

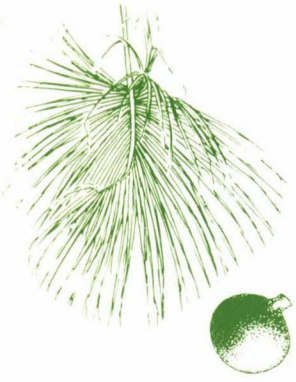
Year 1931
Species *eastern hemlock; hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis* (L.) Carr.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Bureau of Forestry
109 Evangelical Press Building
Third & Reily Streets
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Rhode Island



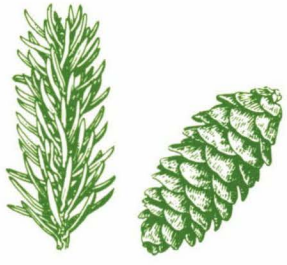
Year 1964
Species red maple (*Acer rubrum* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forest Environment
Box 851, RFD #2
North Scituate, RI 02857

South Carolina



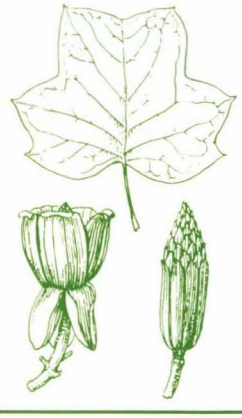
Year 1939
Species *cabbage palmetto; palmetto (*Sabal palmetto* (Walt.) Lodd.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday in December
State Forester South Carolina Commission of Forestry
P.O. Box 21707
Columbia, SC 29221

South Dakota



Year 1947
Species *white spruce; Black Hills spruce (*Picea glauca (Moench)*
Arbor Day Observance Last Friday in April
State Forester Division of Forestry
Department of Game, Fish and Parks
Sigurd Anderson Building
Pierre, SD 57501

Tennessee



Year 1947
Species *yellow-poplar; tulip poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera* L.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday in March
State Forester Division of Forestry
4711 Trousdale Drive
Nashville, TN 37220

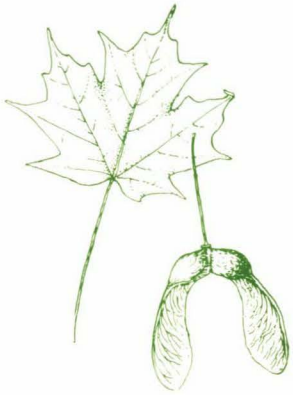
Texas

Year 1919
Species pecan (*Carya illinoensis* (Wangenh.) K. Koch)
Arbor Day Observance Third Friday in January
State Forester Texas Forest Service
College Station, TX 77843

Utah

Year 1933
Species blue spruce (*Picea pungens* Engelm.)
Arbor Day Observance Third Friday in April
State Forester 440 Empire Building
231 East Fourth South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Vermont



Year 1949
Species sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* Marsh.)
Arbor Day Observance First Friday in May
State Forester Department of Forests and Parks
State Office Building
Montpelier, VT 05602

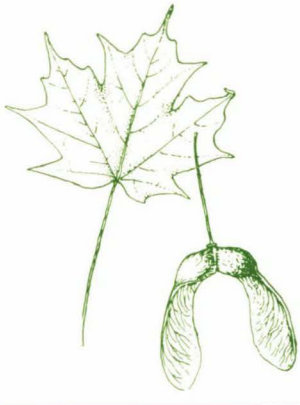
Virginia

Year 1918, 1956
Species *flowering dogwood; dogwood (*Cornus florida* L.)
Arbor Day Observance Second Friday in March
State Forester Virginia Division of Forestry
P.O. Box 3758
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Washington

Year 1947
Species western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla* (Raf.) Sarg.)
Arbor Day Observance Second Wednesday in April
State Forester Department of Natural Resources
Olympia, WA 98504

West Virginia



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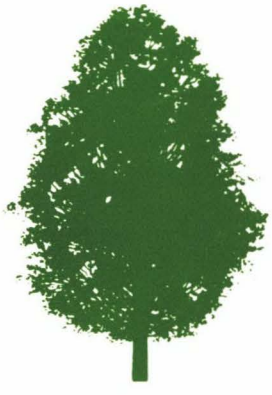
1800 Washington Street, East
Charleston, WV 25305



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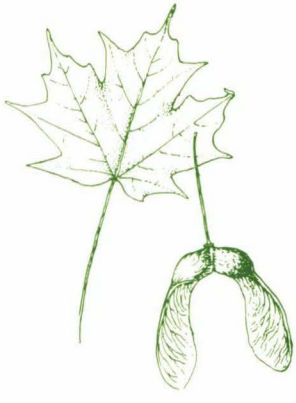

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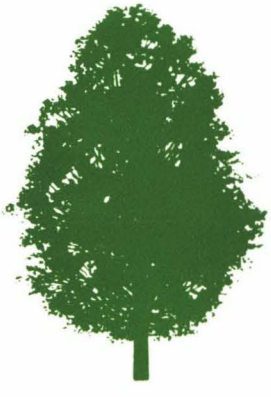
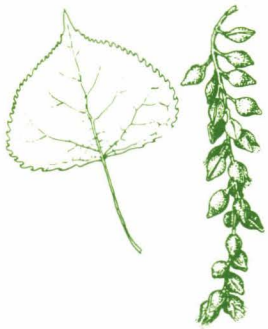
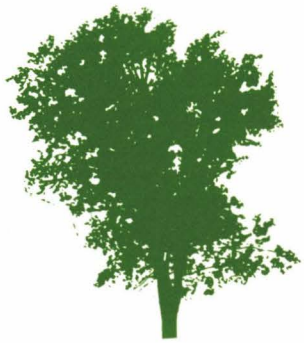
State Forester Department of Natural Resources
101 S. Webster Street
Madison, WI 53703



Wyoming



Year	1947, 1961
Species	*plains cottonwood; cottonwood (*Populus deltoides* var. *occidentalis* Ryb.; P. *sargentii* Dode-scientific name given in State law.)
Arbor Day Observance	Last Monday in April
State Forester	Wyoming State Forestry Division 1100 West 22nd Street Cheyenne, WY 82002



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